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PACKERS PLEAD GUILTY.

Four Officials Fined \$25,000 and Costs in Chicago.

Four indicted officials of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company packers, pleaded guilty Thursday to the charge of accepting railroad rebates. They were sentenced by Judge J. Otis Humphrey of the United States District court to pay fines aggregating \$25,000.

This victory of the government in the cases against the packers came as a total surprise to every one except the attorneys for the defense and for the government, who, according to reports, had agreed upon the action to be taken and the punishment to be inflicted.

The precarious health of Vice-President Weil of the company was given as the reason for the plea of guilty. The defendants and their fines were as follows:

Samuel Weil, vice-president of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company office and residence in New York; fined \$10,000 and costs.

Beth S. Cusey, traffic manager, Chicago; fined \$5,000 and costs.

Vance D. Skipworth, traffic manager, New York; fined \$5,000 and costs.

Chess E. Todd, traffic manager, Kansas City; fined \$5,000 and costs.

The defendants were ordered committed to jail until the fines were paid, but they were held in the ante-room of the federal court for half an hour, when a certified check, signed by Max Sulzberger, was produced. The four defendants were then released and hurried away, refusing to talk.

Reunion of the 29th.

The Plymouth survivors of the 29th regiment Indiana Volunteers with their families and a few friends about forty in all—held their annual reunion Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Charlotte Redding, whose deceased husband was a member of this regiment. These meetings have been held for a number of years upon the anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga in which the regiment was engaged.

The house was prettily decorated in the national colors, a fine supper was served, and the music furnished by Miss Chloe Butler and her brother Dwen was enjoyed by all. Mr. Ezra Barnhill gave a talk in which he illustrated by the old songs the various emotions of the soldiers on the marches, before and after the battles, and upon their return home.

The veterans present were Levi Artz, Loyal Burch, John Windbigler, J. B. Grover, J. D. Field, Sim Wilson with Tyre Douglass of Lucerne, Ind. all members of the 29th and Harrison Horner, Chas. Kanarr, Ezra Barnhill and I. S. Cleaver visitors. Most of these left Wednesday morning for the reunion at Knox.

Defending Sherrick.

The Plymouth Democrat defends State Auditor Sherrick and abuses Governor Hanly. We did not expect that Editor Metsker would openly ally himself with the grafters, drunkards and gamblers of Indiana.

The speech of Governor Hanly published in the Daily Tribune Wednesday is a complete reply to Metsker's article and every decent Democratic paper in Indiana is defending the governor, therefore Editor Metsker will probably try to climb into the band wagon this week, but the people now know where the editor of the Democrat really stands.

Opening of the Schools.

The opening of the schools of the country for another term once more directs attention to the prevalence of fads and the belief of many sound minded people that the fad is becoming to be carried to excess. The public school should be conducted with the thought that all pupils will have completed their education when their public school life ends, for it is a fact that a very small per cent of students ever go beyond the public schools. This is a mighty argument why the work of these schools should be so arranged as to give students a thorough training in the useful studies of benefit to them in their life work. They should use more of arithmetic, geography, history, spelling, grammar, writing and the solid studies and less of drawing, painting, music, basket making and other fads which are usually of little service in earning a living and fighting the great and difficult battle of life.—South Bend Tribune.

No Locks for Insane.

The asylum for incurable insane at South Bartonville, Ill. is now without locks and bars, the last one having been removed by Supt. Zeller. This is in accordance with a step long in contemplation by Dr. Zeller, he having become convinced that more can be accomplished by kindness than by forcible restraint. The inmates now enjoy a large personal liberty and the effect has been apparent in a noticeable improvement in their conduct.

DEATHS IN INDIANA.

Increase in Sickness and Increase in Deaths in August.

The August Bulletin of the State Board of Health just published says:

There was an increase in sickness and an increase in deaths in August as compared with July. However, there is no increase to record over August of last year. Diarrhoea was the most prevalent disease and typhoid fever which was seventh in July arose to second place in August. There was a great deal of rheumatism, cholera morbus, cholera infantum and dysentery. Influenza and pneumonia almost dropped out of sight. Only ten cases of smallpox were reported from five counties and no deaths. In the corresponding month last year, there were 56 cases of smallpox in 14 counties with 3 deaths. Typhoid fever prevailed in August in every county in the state. The deaths numbered 125, indicating that there must have been in the neighborhood of 1300 cases of the disease. This record of typhoid rivals the yellow fever record of New Orleans. At the Indiana Soldiers' Home, Lafayette, Ind., four cases of typhoid fever were diagnosed and afterwards, by the Widal microscopical test, it was found that 62 persons in all had the disease. Very many cases which are diagnosed "malaria," "chills," "debility," "slight fever," are found to be typhoid by microscopical tests.

The deaths numbered 3070, rate 13.6. In the corresponding month last year, 2980, rate 13.2. By important ages, the deaths were: 665 under one year of age; 287, 1 to 5; 53, 5 to 10; 55, 10 to 15; 90, 15 to 20; 735, 65 and over. From important causes, the deaths were: Tuberculosis, 340; diphtheria, 12; scarlet fever, 6; whooping cough, 15; pneumonia, 61; diarrhoeal diseases, 478; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 56; influenza, 1; puerperal fever, 8; cancer, 126; violence, 190. Of the violence deaths, 7 were murders, 34 were suicides and the remainder were accidental. The steam railroads killed 24 people during the month, but there were no deaths due to trolleys. 27 were accidentally drowned, 11 accidentally shot and five were killed by horses.

September will show a large increase in typhoid fever over August and there will be still a larger increase in October. This prediction is made upon the fact that this state of affairs prevails every year and more the pity, for the disease is preventable. Pneumonia and influenza deaths will begin to increase in October, or just as soon as the good weather is over and people commence to live in-doors.

Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hawblitzel celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 24, at their home three miles northwest of LaPaz, where they have resided nearly 40 years. An elaborate dinner was served at 1 o'clock to about 75 friends and relatives. A very enjoyable time was had. They were remembered with some beautiful presents. Mr. Hawblitzel is one of the founders of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Liberty township, St. Joseph county.

Auditor's Bond May Be Raised.

In the light of the Sherrick case it is expected Gov. Hanly will recommend to the legislature the enactment of a law raising the bond of the auditor of state to \$250,000 and the other officers proportionately.

During the discussion of the Sherrick case he said that \$100,000 was insufficient bond for the auditor. For example Sherrick was short over \$200,000 in his July settlement and if he had desired he could have absconded with the entire amount and the state would have been out \$100,000 or more. The auditor frequently has over \$200,000 on hand, and the governor thinks his bond should be more than that.

Packers Must Face Trial.

No leniency is to be shown to packers indicted for conspiracy in violation of the anti-trust laws and they will not be permitted to plead guilty and so escape with cash fines, according to the announcement made Friday by some of the federal officials connected with the prosecution.

The district attorneys office at Chicago will insist upon a speedy trial, it is declared, and will oppose every motion by lawyers for the defense. In this connection District Attorney Morrison held a conference with his assistants, at which the line of opposing the defendants' requests for a bill of particulars was discussed.

STATE WILL LOSE NOTHING.

Defaulting Auditor's Bond Will Cover All Losses.

According to Attorney-General Charles W. Miller, who now has in charge the legal matters pertaining to the defalcation of David E. Sherrick, ex-Auditor of State, the State will make an effort to collect the money lost by Sherrick at the gaming table. "The State has the right to follow and collect all funds belonging to the state used by Mr. Sherrick," said Mr. Miller.

Roscoe O. Hawkins, representing the American Surety Company, also said that efforts would be made to recover this money. "If evidence can be adduced that some of the money has gone this way every effort will be made by his company to recover it." He would not say whether this effort would be made by his company or the State, but it is understood that the State will take the matter up.

It now develops that the American Surety company will not make any fight for the application of the securities, aggregating a face value of about \$172,000, that are now in the possession of Attorney-General Miller, and that the State will have entire charge of these securities. The State, therefore, will not lose a dollar, for it will have for its protection both the securities, upon which about \$100,000 is expected to be realized, and the \$100,000 bond of the company to cover shortage amounting to about \$147,000. The surety company will be the losers, therefore, if there be any loss, and as it is not thought probable that the securities held will aggregate a cash value of \$147,000, some loss seems certain.

To the Public.

I desire to say a few things to the public and so I have chosen this method of expression. This week marks the beginning of my second year in your city. I have learned to love the people of Plymouth regardless of religious opinions. I am here by invitation and choice to help all into a better life. Think it not strange when I ask you not to think of me as belonging to the Methodist church simply, but think of me and all the ministers of this city as belonging to the public. I ask for a public interest in all the ministers and in all the churches of our city, rather than denominational interest which is the scandal of Christendom. It is my conviction that the public ought to be as much or more interested in the work of the church as in the work of the school or in any other enterprise. The church is the greatest moral force in the world. It is the only institution which has for its sole object the regeneration of the world. Since the church is a good institution it ought to be supported by every man. The church affords the best investment of time and money possible to man. And I am quite sure that we are all agreed when I say that the emphasis of all our lives ought to be on Christian ideals. The church ought to have the first place in the life of our city rather than the fourth place. I fear we have placed business, education and fraternalism above the church.

only ask that we put first things first. Only about one fourth of our population is deeply interested in the church and vitally connected with the church. Every man woman and child ought to have a church home.

We all ought to decide at once which one of the ten branches of the church of God as organized in our city suits us best, and join some one for our own good, for the good of others and for the glory of God. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us.

JNO. S. CROWDER.

Baker—Abair.

The wedding of Miss Mary L. Abair and Mr. Clarence R. Baker took place Sunday noon, Sept. 24, at the bride's home, Lapaz. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Martin L. Peter. Both parties are popular young people of Marshall county. The bride was neatly attired in a navy blue cloth, trimmed in white silk and lace; the groom in a seal brown suit. A substantial wedding dinner was served by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abair. Mrs. Enoch Baker, Messrs. Will and Harrison Baker, Edward Baker and wife, Mrs. M. L. Peter and daughter, Esther were among the guests.

People Will Do the Rest.

A law designating the safest banks in the State as depositories for public funds, fixing the amounts that may be safely deposited therein, specifying the rate of interest to be earned and requiring every cent of money so earned on public funds to be turned into the public treasury, is clearly needed in Indiana, and the next legislature should enact it. Governor Hanly has set the people to thinking and they will do the rest.—Kokomo Tribune.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Alice Ryan Maxey's Reason De-throned and She Will Be Sent to Insane Hospital.

Mrs. Alice Ryan Maxey, generally known as "True Blue" was adjudged insane in Justice Young's court this afternoon and application will be made for her admission to the Northern Indiana hospital at Longcliff.

She was arrested Saturday evening and taken to jail on complaint of neighbors and friends who felt that her own life and the lives of others were in danger.

She has not been entirely right, mentally for several years and for the past two or three weeks has kept her self locked up most of the time with her guns and dogs occasionally shooting as if in fear that she was in danger from people passing or residing in the vicinity. She sent bullets through the ceiling of her own house, fired shots from the windows and threatened to shoot neighbors without any provocation.

Thirty years ago Alice Ryan was one of Plymouth's beautiful educated and refined young ladies, and the future seemed bright for her. She was united in marriage with John Maxey, and they made their home at Peru, Ind. There she assisted her husband as editor of the Peru Sentinel and later was editor and publisher of the temperance paper True Blue. She was a leader in temperance and religious circles and delivered lectures in many cities. But her mind became unbalanced, she separated from her husband, married an Indian and for many years has been only a shadow of her former self.

It is to be hoped that a few months or years in the asylum will restore her reason and she may again be a useful woman.

Two Women Killed by Gas.

Mrs. Charles Williams, 40 years old, and daughter, Maude, 18 years old, were asphyxiated by gas Thursday night in the cellar of their home, east of Muncie. Williams, missing his wife and daughter, went into the cellar and was overcome himself. John Williams, the son, found the family missing and rescued his father. Later he found his mother and sister dead. Foul gas from a well invaded the cellar and caused the death of the young woman and her mother.

Bremen's Big Fair.

The Bremen fair which opens Tuesday, October 3, and continues until Friday evening, promises to be the best ever held in that vicinity. Neither time nor money will be spared to make it attractive, useful, profitable and enjoyable to all visitors.

Indications now are that exhibits in all classes will exceed those of any previous year and the races will be the best in the history of the society, many fast horses having already entered.

Wednesday will be school children's day and all school children coming in delegations and forming in the parade at 9:30 a. m. will be admitted free.

Chance for Carpenters.

There is a chance for Indiana carpenters to get work at good wages on the Isthmus of Panama. The United States Government is seeking the services of carpenters who are willing to go to the Panama Canal district and build quarters for workmen. The Government offers 58 cents an hour for regular work, and time and a half for overtime. Transportation will be free from New York, where the men are to report, and wages will begin from the time of reporting for duty in New York.

Getting Information.

A representative of the post-office department is in northern Indiana, getting the opinions of merchants on the proposed numbering of rural mail boxes. Before department issues an order requiring the numbering of boxes it wishes to ascertain if such method will do injury to local merchants as opposed to the large mail order houses. Merchants in small cities and towns seem to think numbering the boxes would give the large concerns an advantage that they are not entitled to.

An Unexplainable Attitude.

Those newspapers of the democratic party which are defending Sherrick as against Governor Hanly are assuming an attitude that is unexplainable. If they were defending a partisan friend it could be understood, but in defending a defaulter of the opposite party they are inconsistent as well as unpatriotic when they assault the governor, and accuse him of "ruining" Sherrick.—Elkhart Review.

A Million Hardwood Trees.

"By next spring the state of Indiana will have under cultivation over 1,000,000 hardwood trees, including the best merchantable hardwood trees that grow in this state," said W. H. Freeman, secretary of the state board of forestry, in a recent interview.

Mr. Freeman had just come from the forest reservation at Henryville, Clark county, where he has been all summer, overseeing the improvements that were made possible by the appropriations of the last legislature. Mr. Freeman has returned to the reservation, and will stay there until October 1 when the summer's work will be over.

"When this fall's seed planting is done," said Mr. Freeman, "we shall have over 500 acres of broken land in hardwood trees. Last fall 187 acres were planted, and the preceding spring twenty-three acres. This fall we shall plant an additional 300 acres, mostly in black walnut, shell bark hickory, white, red, chestnut and burr oak, American ash, wild cherry, American chestnut, linn, black locust, catalpa, Kentucky tree, Texas pecan, English walnut, yellow poplar, white pine, maple and sycamore trees."

Mr. Freeman said that already 50,000 each of white oak, ash and hickory trees had been planted, and about 30,000 walnut. All of this wholesale planting is done both as a financial investment for the state, and in order to provide for the nursery and seed station. This station will be maintained so that any one wanting seeds or young plants of a certain tree can get them free of charge by sending to the reservation.

"It would be a revelation and an object lesson to many of the farmers of the state if they could see the way the woodlands are cleared," continued Mr. Freeman. "We have been working all summer cultivating the seeds planted before and clearing the woodlands of the reservation. In this clearing we aim to make use of every stick of available timber. Of course we leave the good hard timber, which runs from 100 to 1,200 trees to the acre." Mr. Freeman also stated that as long as possible this fall he would have a gang of men under a foreman out clearing 1,400 acres of woodland that has just been started in. The work of the summer included the building of an administration building, reservoirs, and roadways through the reservation.

Crime in Michigan.

A wave of domestic crime seems to have swept over Michigan Wednesday. At Cadillac Mrs. H. H. Fellows and Fred Tinker were arrested on a charge of poisoning the former's husband. At Mount Pleasant Mrs. M. E. Switzer, aged 59, in a fit of insane jealousy shot her husband, Dr. John H. Switzer, aged 42. At Roscommon William Rupert shot and killed Henry Knight, his daughter's sweetheart, for killing Mrs. Knight's husband. At Boyne City Anna Reiger, a German woman, was stabbed in the back and side by her husband; death ensued from loss of blood. At Bessemer a saloonkeeper named Frank Wood literally cut his wife to pieces after passing the night in a debauch in which four of Wood's cronies had participated.

The Campaign of Graft.

It is worth while for the sober, thinking people of the State, at this juncture, to ask themselves the reason for the overt deprecation and covert opposition to the Governor because of his action in the Sherrick case. The facts in the case are not disputed, and had they occurred in a private business the employee that exposed them would have been honored and trusted and encouraged anew. So will this employee of the people, their chief executive officer, whose business it is "to see that the laws are faithfully executed." But the amazing thing is that there should be any voice that does not join the acclaim. It will make no difference in the end we are persuaded. We are sure, positively, that the plain people will support and applaud the Governor while he goes forward as he has started. But they should, as we say, soberly consider why at such a juncture, men and newspapers are found to belittle his efforts.—Indianapolis News.

The Old Order Changeth.

The Central German Conference of Methodists in Ohio, at Cleveland, closing its meetings yesterday, voted against bossism in politics and the liquor traffic, and adopted a resolution commending Governor Hanly by a rising vote. In Ft. Wayne the chief feature of the platform of the Republicans in the city election is a strong declaration against graft and a pledge for its candidate of opposition to perquisites of all kinds, as well as a pledge for the enforcement of the laws. No feature of the general moral awakening in this country is more conspicuous than the direct hostility manifest against "perquisites," against looseness in public affairs, against "good fellowship," and against a "wide-open town."—Indianapolis News.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Tax Levied, Plum Street to be Paved and Automobile Drivers Regulated.

The council met in regular session Monday evening with all members present.

The sanitary condition at home of Alice Ryan Maxey was referred to council and city attorney. The erection of fence at cemetery was also referred to council with orders to report at next meeting.

An apparent lack or defection of sewerage in rear of Catholic church premises was referred to committee on streets and alleys. Mayor's message in respect to speed and careless driving of automobiles was read and referred to city attorney.

Petition of A. R. Underwood for removal of tree at Oak Hill cemetery, referred to cemetery committee.

By unanimous consent the tax ordinance for the year 1905 was taken up and passed. The taxes are 2 3/4 cents less on the \$100 than last year.

The petition of H. A. Myers for the extension of water mains on 5th street was granted.

The council concurred in report of committee favoring construction of sewers on William street.

O. P. Bair was given permission to tap sewer on Harrison street.

The street commissioner was directed to construct a walk on south side of Blain bridge.

A declaratory resolution to pave Plum street from Laporte street to Jefferson street was passed.

The water works superintendent was directed to lay a two-inch water main from Michigan street to a point north of the Reynolds lot on Garro street.

Action on weed ordinance was postponed until next meeting. Sidewalk ordinance passed second reading. Bills were allowed and council adjourned.

The U. B. Conference.

The United Brethren Conference closed its session at Huntington Sunday afternoon. It was a very successful and pleasant meeting and the finances are in good shape all the collections for the past year being larger than usual.

The appointments for the Elkhart district in which Plymouth is located are as follows:

Presiding Elder J. W. Lake; Castle church Elkhart, J. E. Grimes; Elkhart circuit, S. Snyder; Sugar Grove, J. A. Kek; Bremen, L. O. Oyler; Bremen circuit, M. V. Hibbs; Fawn River, Sherman Simons; Nappanee, J. C. Albright; Waterloo, J. W. Eby; Pleasant Lake, L. Stangle; Angola, N. L. Stambaugh; Butler, O. B. Wells; Ligonier, D. Robinson; Solomon's Creek, W. H. Rittenhouse; Albion, C. V. Murr; Newville, J. N. Shilling; Syracuse, O. O. Givens; South Bend, R. J. Parrott; Churubusco, C. S. Parker; Columbia City, L. L. Shaffer; Columbia City circuit, G. H. Hutchinson; South Whitley, S. H. Yager; Warsaw, A. M. Cummins; Warsaw circuit, J. N. Martin; Bourbon and Etna Green D. B. Kessinger; Clunette, S. O. Fink; Donaldson, J. W. DeLong; Indian Village, S. Hill; Plymouth I. S. Cleaver; Tyner, William Simons; Walkerton, M. M. LeCount; Brimfield, A. F. McCloe.

Rev. J. W. Lower who was the presiding elder here has been assigned to the Rochester church.

Bonaparte Will Succeed Moody.

Attorney General Moody will resign from the Cabinet early next spring and Secretary of the Navy Charles J. Bonaparte will then be transferred to the Department of Justice as Attorney General.

When Bonaparte entered the Cabinet July 1 it was with the definite understanding that he would only remain as Secretary of the Navy for a period not exceeding one year, and that he would then be transferred to the Department of Justice.

Mr. Moody, it is said, has long been anxious to leave the Cabinet and resume the practice of law in Massachusetts. It is known that he has had an understanding with the President that he will resign next spring.

Goes Back on Christianity.

A letter from Miss Grace Stephens the Methodist missionary to Madras, India, states that Scobonagum, the only native of the high caste to ever embrace Christianity, has renounced it, and gone back to his native faith. It is feared that this will be a great blow to the Christian work in India.

GOSHEN INQUIRY ENDS.

Postmaster Says that Charges Cannot be Sustained.

The civil service inquiry into the Goshen postoffice was concluded late Saturday night. Commissioner Greene and Inspector Burr went east. All records of evidence have been forwarded to the civil service department in Washington, D. C., and the result of the finding may not be known for a month.

Postmaster Sherwin says the charges cannot be sustained. Clerks Croop and Boulton intimate an effort is being put forth to whitewash the postmaster by politicians. As matters now stand there is a total lack of harmony with in the Goshen postoffice. The postmaster is not on speaking terms with his two oldest clerks and the office force and the two clerks in question are not friendly, the force sustaining the position of the postmaster. Under these circumstances the service is hampered.

Brief News Notes.

Miss Alice Roosevelt has received rich gifts from royalty during her visit in Europe and Asia. Their value is estimated at \$100,000.

Cuba is threatened by a wild revolution. Intense political excitement has developed hatred, riots have ended in murders and already the liberals clashing in battle with the government's police, have seen their leader—Congressman Enrique Villendas, most able orator in the lower house of the Cuban assembly, and the idol of his party—shot down and killed.

A fresh wave of indignation is sweeping over Japan because the treaty of peace does not allow Japan to fortify Soya straits.

The dispute between France and Venezuela has reached a crisis, but the differences will probably be settled without a war.

The Chicago health commissioner declares that the sale of diseased meat in that city is the cause of much sickness.

William Bell, a guard at the Cincinnati workhouse, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a box of dynamite which he attempted to open by means of a hatchet.

Bell was in charge of a gang of prisoners in the stone quarry, when dynamite for blasting was required. He took a hatchet and struck a blow with it before the prisoners could warn him.

A terrific explosion followed. Bell's eyes were blown out and the left arm and the left side of his face torn away. Flesh was hanging from limbs of a tree under which he had been sitting. Still the unfortunate man was alive, but a hurried run of the patrol wagon failed to get him to the city hospital before he died.

Eleven New York employers have been arrested on complaints charging them with conspiracy to violate the contract law.

Yellow fever is fast disappearing in New Orleans and in all the county adjacent.

Milwaukee's graft developments prove so large that another grand jury may be called to conduct investigation.

Bomb Throwing in Peking.

At the Peking Railway Station Sunday, as a train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods was leaving, a bomb was exploded inside a private car, killing four minor officials and wounding over twenty other persons.

The wounded include Prince Thai Tchue, who heads the most important of the missions, and Wu Ting Fang, former Minister to the United States, both of whom received slight injuries. The perpetrator of the outrage, who was in the car, was blown to pieces.

The affair has created a profound sensation, and causes apprehension regarding the safety of the members of the court and leading officials of the Government.

The Government offices and railways are now strongly guarded.

In view of the sudden change of front of the empress dowager diplomats are led to think that somehow she may be connected with the bomb outrage in the Peking railway station—that her agents among the reactionaries may have engineered the affair in order to intimidate the reformers and to strengthen the position of her own party.

The personality of the Empress An, as proved by her past deeds, lends much plausibility to this belief. She has demonstrated that she is both astute in matters of state and both cruel and cunning in the execution of the schemes on which she has once decided for the furtherance of her projects.